

§ 923.5

Yakima and Benton within the State of Washington.

§ 923.5 Cherries.

Cherries means all varieties of sweet cherries grown in the production area, classified botanically as *Prunus avium*.

§ 923.6 Varieties.

Varieties means and includes all classifications or subdivisions of *Prunus avium*.

§ 923.7 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period is synonymous with fiscal year and means the 12-month period ending on March 31 of each year or such other period that may be approved by the Secretary pursuant to recommendations by the committee.

§ 923.8 Committee.

Committee means the Washington Cherry Marketing Committee established pursuant to § 923.20.

§ 923.9 Grade.

Grade means any one of the officially established grades of cherries as defined and set forth in:

(a) United States Standards for Sweet Cherries (§§ 51.2646 to 51.2660 of this title) or amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, or variations based thereon;

(b) Standards for sweet cherries issued by the State of Washington or amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, or variations based thereon.

§ 923.10 Size.

Size means the greatest diameter, measured through the center of the cherry, at right angles to a line running from the stem to the blossom end, or such other specification as may be established by the committee with the approval of the Secretary.

§ 923.11 Grower.

Grower is synonymous with producer and means any person who produces cherries for market and who has a proprietary interest therein.

§ 923.12 Handler.

Handler is synonymous with shipper and means any person (except a com-

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mon or contract carrier transporting cherries owned by another person) who handles cherries.

§ 923.13 Handle.

Handle and *ship* are synonymous and mean to sell, consign, deliver, or transport cherries or cause the sale, consignment, delivery, or transportation of cherries or in any other way to place cherries, or cause cherries to be placed, in the current of the commerce from any point within the production area to any point outside thereof: *Provided*, That the term "handle" shall not include the transportation within the production area of cherries from the orchard where grown to a packing facility located within such area for preparation for market, or the delivery of such cherries to such packing facility for such preparation.

§ 923.14 District.

District means the applicable one of the following described subdivisions of the production area, or such other subdivisions as may be prescribed pursuant to § 923.31(m):

(a) *District 1* shall include the Counties of Chelan, Okanogan, Douglas, and Grant.

(b) *District 2* shall include the Counties of Yakima and Benton.

§ 923.15 Export.

Export means to ship cherries beyond the continental boundaries of the United States.

§ 923.16 Pack.

Pack means the specific arrangement, size, weight, count, or grade of a quantity of cherries in a particular type and size of container, or any combination thereof.

§ 923.17 Container.

Container means a box, bag, crate, lug, basket, carton, package, or any other type of receptacle used in the packaging or handling of cherries.

ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

§ 923.20 Establishment and membership.

There is hereby established a Washington Cherry Marketing Committee

consisting of fifteen members, each of whom shall have an alternate who shall have the same qualifications as the member for whom he is an alternate. Ten of the members and their respective alternates shall be growers or officers or employees of corporate growers. Five of the members and their respective alternates shall be handlers, or officers or employees of handlers. The ten members of the committee who are growers or employees or officers of corporate growers are referred to in this part as "grower members" of the committee; and the five members of the committee who shall be handlers, or officers or employees of handlers, are referred to in this part as "handler members" of the committee. Four of the grower members and their respective alternates shall be producers of cherries in District 1, and six of the grower members and their respective alternates shall be producers of cherries in District 2. Two of the handler members and their respective alternates shall be handlers of cherries in District 1, and three of the handler members and their respective alternates shall be handlers of cherries in District 2.

§ 923.21 Term of office.

The term of office of each member and alternate member of the committee shall be for two years beginning April 1 and ending March 31: *Provided*, That the term of office of one-half the initial grower members and alternates from each district and one initial handler member from each district shall end March 31, 1958. Members and alternate members shall serve in such capacities for the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified.

§ 923.22 Nomination.

(a) *Initial members.* Nominations for each of the ten initial grower members and five initial handler members of the committee, together with nominations for the initial alternate members for each position, may be submitted to the Secretary by individual growers and handlers. Such nominations may be made by means of group meetings of

the growers and handlers concerned in each district. Such nominations, if made, shall be filed with the Secretary no later than the effective date of this part. In the event nominations for initial members and alternate members of the committee are not filed pursuant to, and within the time specified, in this section, the Secretary may select such initial members and alternate members without regard to nominations, but selections shall be on the basis of the representation provided for in § 923.20.

(b) *Successor members.* (1) The committee shall hold or cause to be held, not later than March 1 of each year, a meeting or meetings of growers and handlers in each district for the purpose of designating nominees for successor members and alternate members of the committee. At each such meeting a chairman and a secretary shall be selected by the growers and handlers eligible to participate therein. The chairman shall announce at the meeting the number of votes cast for each person nominated for member or alternate member and shall submit promptly to the committee a complete report concerning such meeting. The committee shall, in turn, promptly submit a copy of each such report to the Secretary.

(2) Only growers, including duly authorized officers or employees of corporate growers, who are present at such nomination meetings may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for grower members and their alternates. Each grower shall be entitled to cast only one vote for each nominee to be elected in the district in which he produces cherries. No grower shall participate in the election of nominees in more than one district in any one fiscal year. If a person is both a grower and a handler of cherries, such person may vote either as a grower or as a handler but not as both.

(3) Only handlers, including duly authorized officers or employees of handlers, who are present at such nomination meetings, may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for handler members and their alternates. Each handler shall be entitled to cast only one vote for each nominee to be elected in the district in which he